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An Extraordinary Crime.

[From the New York World, June 3.]
[Eric P. Peterson, of Finland, janitor of No. 11 Cliff street, occupied by Phelps, Dodge & Co., and Abraham Nelson, of Newark, N. J., book-keeper, were arrested about 10 o'clock Saturday night coming from the above premises with \$11.30 worth of umbrellas, blotting paper and envelopes on their persons. They pleaded not guilty, and were held to answer yesterday morning.]

The above seemingly unimportant item comes in the ordinary current of news from police headquarters. But there was more than appeared under those umbrellas. From a perfectly reliable source the following information of the story was received yesterday:

For some time past Messrs. Phelps, Dodge & Co., one of the oldest metal firms in this country, have observed with much surprise that what should have been the secret of their business were known by a portion of the trade. About ten days since they sought the aid of ex-Judge Fullerton. He and a corps of detectives have been investigating the mystery ever since. They found no substantial clue to it until they made the above-mentioned arrests on Saturday. Mr. Abraham Nelson is a merchant in the same line as Phelps, Dodge & Co., and in pretty good standing. He does business at 295 Pearl street, and resides at Mount Pleasant avenue, Newark, N. J. At the time of his arrest he tried to destroy some papers belonging to the firm which he had in his possession, but was prevented. When brought before Judge Downing he made a full confession. He said, as we are informed, that he had obtained an insight into the affairs of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co., in order to aid him in carrying on his own business. He had begun operations by inquiring of the janitor as to what he did with the envelopes received by the firm, some 175 in number. The janitor told him that he looked through them to see that no important document remained in any of them, and destroyed them. Said the tempter then: "If you will save any of them for me that have the name of the firm, I will pay you for them." This apparently almost harmless proposition was accepted to. But it was only the entering wedge. The first doubtful step taken, the janitor was gradually induced to aid Mr. Nelson in any plan that occurred to him, by which he might undermine the business of the venerable firm. By means of the envelopes Nelson soon obtained a list of the correspondents. Having the janitor well in hand, he next sought, with success, to win the stock and contract clerks as confederates. The help of all these inside traitors he was enabled to get into communication with the patrons of Phelps, Dodge & Co. He would write to them, offering metal a little under the prices which he knew the old firm were selling them, and thus obtained their custom. Again, knowing where they bought, and the size and character of their contracts, he was enabled often to turn the information to his own benefit and their injury.

In his frequent night raids upon the office, by the help of the janitor and his other confederates, he even went so far as to get duplicate keys, by wax impressions, for various important locks. In a word, he had the run of the whole establishment, and knew as much about the affairs of the firm as most of the partners.

The story of the umbrella theft is this: When Mr. Nelson was searched in the police office a fine silk umbrella, belonging to some one in the Phelps establishment, was found thrust down into his pantaloons, which statement, if true, would plainly indicate the natural proclivities of the man;—the popular verdict being that any one who would appropriate an umbrella that he did not belong to was equal to any atrocity.

Mr. Nelson was held in \$5,000 bail to answer. It is thought by the Phelps firm that Nelson was either the tool or the confidant of other merchants. They supposed that having obtained considerable knowledge of their affairs he went to other merchants and tempted them into collusion by offers of valuable information.

NAVIGATOR ISLANDS.—From a letter in one of the papers from the Navigator Islands we gather some further information concerning our new possessions. Life there is said to be very primitive. The natives have passed the last ten years in fighting among themselves, and the few Europeans at Port Apia, it is said, appear from this letter, do pretty much nothing but dance Scotch reels and Highland flings, which may be a very pleasant occupation, but is a species of the productive industry of the island. The natives, about two years ago, gave up fighting each other from sheer exhaustion, and while they were preparing to renew the contest the United States has slyly stolen in, like the fox in the fable, and has taken possession of the cause of dispute. The production of the islands are guano and bread fruit. The opportunities for the study of anatomy are said to be very fine. The customs of the people are not at present as civilized as they may in time become. It is, we are sorry to say, the custom of our new fellow-citizens to give no quarter in battle, but when an enemy is taken his head is innocently struck off, and there is without any pun—an end of him. The King seated on his mat, receives all such trophies with great joy, and it is calculated to impress one with a singular feeling to see a canoe paddled across some peaceful bay with a number of citizens, stuck on it, or to see these American citizens, without distinction of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, passing along the beach carrying knives about eighteen inches long, bloody from some recently slain fellow-native.

It would be well for all lecturers if they could maintain the self-possession of a man who, while delivering an address at Lawrence a few evenings since, accidentally stepped from the platform on which he stood, and fell some distance to the ground, but, striking on his feet, continued, undisturbed, "to come down to the level of my audience."

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